

Annual Average Wages, 1990 to 2005 (In 2005 Dollars)

Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
2005	4,638	4,351	287	6.2%
2004	4,677	4,375	302	6.5%
2003	4,549	4,238	311	6.8%
2002	4,418	4,101	317	7.2%
2001	4,460	4,151	309	6.9%
2000	4,405	4,105	300	6.8%
Source: Mon	ntana Department of L <mark>abor &</mark>	Industry, Local Area	u Unemployment Stat <mark>ist</mark> i	ics Program (LAUS)

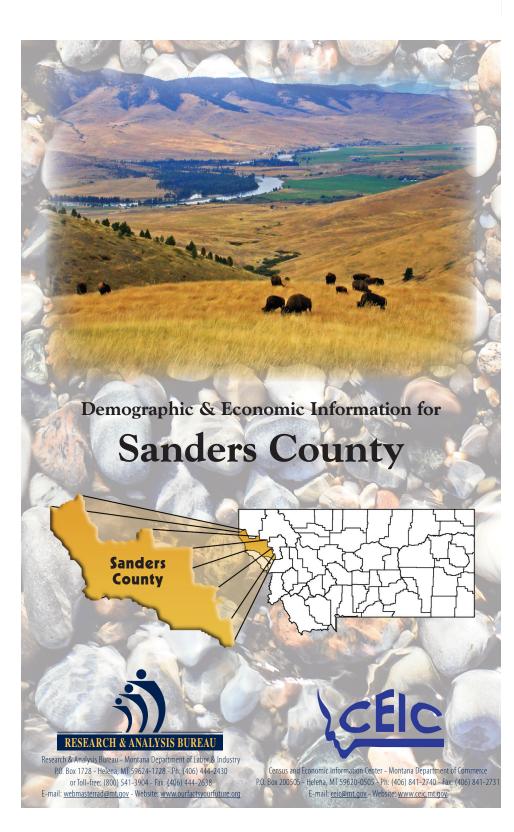
Annual Average Labor Force - Sanders County

Distribution of Population by Age								
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program								
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(Population 25 years and older) Highest Level of Educational Attainment

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000			
Doctoral Degree	% † .0	%6.0	%0°l
Professional Degree	%£.1	%Z.1	7.0%
Master's Degree	%6.2	%9 . 4	%6.2
Bachelor's Degree	%0.11	%Z.71	%S'S1
Associate Degree	%9.2	%6'S	%£'9
Some College	%8.22	%9.22	71.0%
High School Diploma (or equivalent)	%Z.7£	%E.1E	%9.82
Less than High School Diploma	%8.81	15.8%	%9 [.] 61
Educational Attainment	Sanders County	Montana	.s.u



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significant portion of the Flathead Indian Reservation lies within Sanders County. include Dixon, Heron, Hot Springs, Lonepine, Noxon, Paradise, Plains, and Trout Creek. A with a population estimated at 1,392 in 2005.1 Other cities and towns in Sanders County residents in 2005. Thompson Falls, the county seat, is the state's forty-eighth largest city, Sanders County is Montana's eighteenth most populous county, with an estimated 11,057

from 350 to 500 animals, as well as numerous other species, such as elk, white-tail and mule largest part located within Sanders County. The refuge supports a bison population ranging The National Bison Range spans the border between Sanders and Lake counties, with the

deer, pronghorns, bighorn sheep, and black bear. $^{\rm 2}$

from 2004 to 2005 took place in the Mining, Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, & Hunting; and Assistance, Retail Trade, and Public Administration. Some of the fastest employment growth employment in 2005. The other significant subsectors included Health Care & Social Educational Services was Sanders County's number one industry subsector in terms of

Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation subsectors.3

ZWWW.fws.gov/bisonrange/nbr 2.U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

Montana Department of Labor and Industry, Research and Analysis Bureau, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) Program

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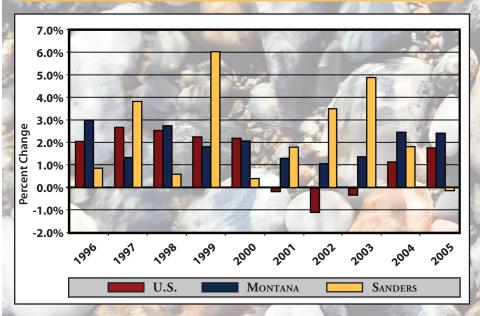
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Percent Change in Employment: 1996 to 2005 U.S., Montana, and Sanders County



Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)

Top 10 Private Employers in Sanders County (Based on 2nd Quarter 2006 Data - Listed in Alphabetical Order)

Business Name	Size Class	Business Name	Size Class
Clark Fork Valley Hospital	6	Monarch School	5
Evergreen Hot Springs Health	4	Quinn's Hot Springs Resort	5
Four Corners Pine	4	Sander's County Harvest Foods	4
IDA Inc.	4	Spring Creek Lodge	6
Lawyer Nursery	5	Thompson River Lumber	5

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW) This list includes ONLY private industry employers subject to unemployment insurance. Railroads and government agencies are excluded.

Agricultural Statistics - Sanders County

Farms	
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Farms: (number)	46
Land in farms (acres)	345,77
Average size of farms (acres)	74
Farms by size: (number)	
Less than 1,000 acres	40
1,000 acres or more	6
Farms by value of products sold and government payments re	ceived: (number)
Less than \$100,000	44
\$100,000 or more	2
Farms by type of organization: (number)	
Family, Individual, Partnership	43
Corporation, Cooperative, Trust	

Livestock Inventory and Crops Ha	rvested
Livestock and Poultry Inventory (number)	
Cattle and calves	18,683
Hogs and pigs	38
Sheep and lambs	553
Horses and ponies	1,456
Bison	656
Chickens (layers and broilers)	(D)
Crops Harvested (acres)	
Corn for grain	0
Corn for silage or greenchop	0
Wheat for grain, All	340
Winter wheat for grain	(D)
Durum wheat for grain	0
Spring wheat for grain	(D)
Barley for grain	168
Oats for grain	567
Sunflower seed, All	0
Soybeans for beans	0

Operator Demographics	
Primary occupation: (number)	
Farming	238
Other	226
Place of residence: (number)	
On farm operated	432
Not on farm operated	32
Years on present farm: (number)	
Less than 10 years	121
10 years or more	343
Age group: (number)	
Under 55 years	214
55 years and over	250
Average age of operators: (number)	56.1
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Source; U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service, (D) - Not Disclosable

Hay, haylage, grass silage

Employment by Industry - Annual Averages 2005 - Sanders County

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
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TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	429	3,082	\$22,795
TOTAL PRIVATE	386	2,383	\$21,460
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING & HUNT	ING 25	127	\$23,295
Crop production	2	*	*
Animal production	1	*	*
Forestry and logging	17	50	\$27,467
Agriculture & forestry support	5	*	*
MINING	9	54	\$26,648
UTILITIES	7	44	\$55,011
CONSTRUCTION	72	177	\$22,943
Construction of buildings	29	63	\$21,704
Heavy and civil engineering construction	11	30	\$27,716
Specialty trade contractors	32	84	\$22,199
MANUFACTURING	30	262	\$23,244
Food manufacturing	3	19	\$8,785
Apparel manufacturing	1	*	*
Wood product manufacturing	11	157	\$24,509
Chemical manufacturing	2	*	*
Nonmetallic mineral product mfg	3	*	*
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	5	40	\$26,220
Furniture and related product mfg	1	*	*
Miscellaneous manufacturing	4	15	\$15,380
WHOLESALE TRADE	11	41	\$22,316
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	6	24	\$22,632
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	4	*	*
Electronic markets & agents and brokers	1	*	*
RETAIL TRADE	49	328	\$15,618
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	7	41	\$20,782
Furniture and home furnishings stores	2	*	*
Building material & garden supply stores	11	71	\$17,735
Food and beverage stores	7	99	\$15,387
Health and personal care stores	2	*	*
Gasoline stations	10	91	\$11,917
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	1	*	*
Sporting good, hobby, book, music stores	2	*	*
General merchandise stores	1	*	*
Miscellaneous store retailers	2	*	*
Nonstore retailers	5	7	\$18,972
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3	Truck transportation	15	33	\$28,318
	Transit and ground passenger transport	3	*	*
200	Pipeline transportation	1	*	*
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L	INFORMATION	6	40	\$32,760
	Publishing industries, except Internet	2	*	*
	Telecommunications	4	*	*
L	FINANCE AND INSURANCE	9	85	\$28,661
	Credit intermediation & related activity	4	71	\$30,506
	Securities, comm. contracts, investments	1	*	*
	Insurance carriers & related activities	5	*	*
	REAL ESTATE AND RENTAL AND LEASING	14	27	\$21,502
	Real estate	10	21	\$26,046
	Rental and leasing services	4	6	\$6,476
	PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICE	S 19	40	\$26,050
	ADMINISTRATIVE AND WASTE SERVICES	6	15	\$10,505
	Administrative and support services	3	9	\$9,419
4	Waste management and remediation serv	vice 3	6	\$12,196
Γ	EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	8	278	\$26,300
	HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE	35	384	\$24,161
	Ambulatory health care services	15	82	\$25,942
	Hospitals	1	*	*
	Nursing and residential care facilities	6	*	*
Æ	Social assistance	14	75	\$12,978
É	ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, AND RECREATION	l 10	37	\$13,786
K	Amusements, gambling, and recreation	10	37	\$13,786
	ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD SERVICES	39	308	\$9,615
	Accommodation	12	101	\$11,898
	Food services and drinking places	27	207	\$8,497
100	OTHER SERVICES	20	75	\$15,775
	Repair and maintenance	7	30	\$19,411
900	Personal and laundry services	2	*	*
	Membership associations & organizations	7	34	\$13,500
	Private households	4	*	*
	TOTAL GOVERNMENT	43	699	\$27,343
1	Local Government	17	507	\$23,405
	State Government	12	64	\$30,648
	Federal Government	14	129	\$41,211
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